

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1287

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. DOROTHY BUELL MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5       “Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Partnership  
6       Act”.

1 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
2 retary of the Interior may enter into a memorandum of  
3 understanding to establish a joint partnership with the  
4 Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Com-  
5 mission. The memorandum of understanding shall—

6 (1) identify the overall goals and purpose of the  
7 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center;

8 (2) establish how management and operational  
9 duties will be shared;

10 (3) determine how exhibits, signs, and other in-  
11 formation are developed;

12 (4) indicate how various activities will be fund-  
13 ed;

14 (5) identify who is responsible for providing site  
15 amenities;

16 (6) establish procedures for changing or dis-  
17 solving the joint partnership; and

18 (7) address any other issues deemed necessary  
19 by the Secretary or the Porter County Convention,  
20 Recreation and Visitor Commission.

21 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF EXHIBITS.—The Secretary  
22 may plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in the  
23 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center related to the use  
24 and management of the resources at Indiana Dunes Na-  
25 tional Lakeshore, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.

1       (d) NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENCE.—The Sec-  
2 retary may use park staff from Indiana Dunes National  
3 Lakeshore in the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center  
4 to provide visitor information and education.

5 **SEC. 2. INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.**

6       Section 19 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for  
7 the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lake-  
8 shore, and for other purposes” (16 U.S.C. 460u–19) is  
9 amended—

10           (1) by striking “After notifying” and inserting

11       “(a) After notifying”; and

12           (2) by adding at the end the following:

13       “(b) CONTIGUOUS CLARIFIED.—For purposes of sub-  
14 section (a), lands may be considered contiguous to other  
15 lands if the lands touch the other lands, or are separated  
16 from the other lands by only a public or private right-  
17 of-way, such as a road, railroad, or utility corridor.”.

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